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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-14 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-14 and 18 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the communication filed 09/08/2008. Claims 10-14 and 18 are PENDING. Claims 1-9, 15-17, and 19-39 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant's exemplary claim 10 recites the limitation "determining a measure of CPU availability," however nowhere does Applicant's instant specification describe how such measure of CPU availability is determined. Applicant's specification merely recites in regards to the above limitation, "As described above other system metrics, such as CPU availability, may also be used." This exemplification provides no further description in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Furthermore, Examiner submits that it is unclear how a streaming media is capable of being played back to a client or how the client is able to receive such streaming media, without a CPU being available. Such lack of clarity convinces the Examiner that CPU availability is near obvious or inherent, however Examiner has utilized the broadest reasonable interpretation of "a measure of CPU availability" to mean the available a

measure of which CPU (server) is actively available for processing. Therefore, Examiner suggest Applicant define the intended invention regarding the measure of CPU availability.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-14, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta (US Publication No. 2002/0038374 A1) in view of Hoyer et al. (US Patent No. 6, 381, 635).

As per claim 10, Gupta teaches a method for playback of streaming media received over a non-deterministic delay network at a client device which comprises receiving the streaming media at the client device, which client device includes a CPU (**figure 1 and col. 7, lines 38-50**); playing back the streaming media; determining a time-scale modification rate considering one user input time-scale modification to prepare the streaming media for playback (**col. 6, lines 39-48, user input is used for timeline modification changes and rate for playback at the client device and col. 6, lines 63-col. 7, lines 1-3**); and providing an indication of a current time-scale modification playback rate to the user (**Figure 5, col. 10, lines 23-30**).

Gupta does not explicitly teach determining a measure of *CPU availability*.

However Hoyer teaches determining a measure of CPU availability (**col. 7, lines 10-21**).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time the invention was made to have incorporate Gupta's teachings to the teachings of Hoyer, for the purpose of routing request to client servers that are active and available (i.e. servers that have not failed or are in standby mode, **col. 7, lines 10-21**).

As per claim 11, Gupta-Hoyer teaches a method further comprises steps of providing an indication of a user requested time-scale modification playback rate (**Figure 5, col. 10, lines 23-30**).

As per claim 12, Gupta-Hoyer teaches wherein the step of playing back comprises associating a time-scale modification playback rate with each entry in a playback buffer queue (**col. 10, lines 53-62**).

As per claim 13, Gupta-Hoyer teaches wherein the indication comprises a function of recent time-scale modification playback rates (**col. 10, lines 53-62**).

As per claim 14, Gupta-Hoyer teaches wherein the step of utilizing comprising ignoring or modifying the user input time-scale modification playback rate when it would interfere with providing continuous playback (**col. 8, lines 40-44**).

As per claim 18, Gupta teaches a method for playback of streaming media received over a non-deterministic delay network at a client device which comprises steps of: receiving the streaming media at the client device, which client device includes a CPU; playing back the streaming media; determining a time-scale modification playback rate as a function of the measure of CPU availability and utilizing time-scale modification to prepare the streaming media for playback.

Gupta does not teach determining a measure of CPU availability.

However, Hoyer teaches determining a measure of CPU availability (**col. 7, lines 10-21**).

Refer to the motivation of claim 10 which applies equally as well to claim 18.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joiya Cloud whose telephone number is 571-270-1146. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on 571-272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3922.

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